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Frank Munro



Frank Munro (right) in action fo Juventus, against Martin Chivers, then a guest player with Frankston City.

Todorovski hurt, Campbell going; Croatia, Melita in chase; big chance for Caulfield, Corio; Vojtek, Wests triumph.

## A touch of Hitchcock

**Sweeper George Todorovski has a hamstring injury and George Campbell will miss the last three games of the season as the men of Preston Makedonia grit their teeth and clench their fists to win the 1983 NSL title and snare a \$1000-a-man bonus.**

**Having lost 1-3 to Marconi, Makedonia now comes up against Sydney Olympic whose backbone has been stiffened by new coach Manfred Schaefer, the iron man who has his troops training even on Saturdays to add a bit of brutality to their game.**

**Newcastle and Sydney Hakoah — even St. George and Hellas — are drooling in the wings, hoping the guillotine falls on Makedonia.**

## Boral all-stars

The NSL all-star team, according to votes in the Boral "ricks Player of the Year award before last Sunday:

Terry GREEDY  
(St G. Budapest)

Dave SKEEN Charlie YANKOS Neil BANFIELD Bugay NYSKOHUS  
(St G. Budapest) (H'berg Alex) Ad. C. Juventus) (Ad. C. Juventus)

Alan DAVIDSON Zarko ODZAKOV Tommy SERMANNU  
(SM-Hellas) (Makedonia) (Marconi)

Danny WRIGHT Phil O'CONNOR Graham HEYS  
(Briab. Lions) (Wollongong) (WA-Hellas)

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Northcote dark horse for NSL

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Frank Munro made nine appearances for Scotland, starting in 1971 against Northern Ireland and finishing against Romania in 1975.

He's in his 21st year as a player, having started as an apprentice with Chelsea, then playing for home town club Dundee United, Scottish rival Aberdeen, English giant Wolverhampton Wanderers (for 10 seasons), Glasgow, Celtic, South Melbourne Hellas, Juventus (Victoria), Albion Rovers (Vic.) and finally, Hamlyn Rangers (Vic. Metro Fourth Division).

Munro, 36 next month, is married with two teenage sons. He works as a security officer at Essendon airport. He came to Australia in 1979 to join Hellas, switched to Juventus in 1980, Albion in 1981 and Hamlyn Rangers earlier this year.

famous home ground, Molineux.

And for 90 minutes, Munro will be back in the arena he most enjoys — the professional world of English soccer.

"To be honest, I've never enjoyed a single game I've played in Australia. It's so much harder here because you have to push yourself to play well," said Munro.

"Straight after the game with the Wolves, I'd start thinking about who I had to play against the next week. It might be Peter Osgood, or Martin Chivers. And that's all I'd be thinking about throughout the week, I really regret dropping out of professional soccer when I did."

Munro left Wolves after a clash with manager Sydney Chung in the late 1970's. Munro wouldn't elaborate about their argument other than to say that he called Chung a yes-man in front of the other Wolves players. But let's start at the beginning.

As a 15-year-old straight from school, Munro was apprenticed at Chelsea. Tommy Docherty was manager and Munro stayed with the Docherty family in London. But homesickness got the better of the teenager and he returned to his Dundee home and joined Dundee United.

Munro was a centre forward in those days and his first team debut, against rival Dundee, was stunning. He scored the winner in the big derby match, which United won 2-2.

"I was put into the first team too quick. It went to

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my head a bit and I wasn't exactly a good trainer. I was with United for about three seasons, playing over 60 first team games, before switching to Aberdeen.

Gerry Kerr was the manager of United at the time and I fell out with him. He dropped me and I lashed for a place well," said Munro.

That transfer fee was \$20,000. But just after joining Aberdeen, Munro learned that Celtic boss Jock Stein was on his way to buy the young striker from Dundee United. Too late. Munro eventually went to Parkhead, just over 10 years later. His stay at Pittodrie included seven and four Cup Including Cup games he made over 40 appearances for Aberdeen, including a 2-0 loss to Celtic in the final of the 1967 Scottish Cup.

Munro had switched into midfield when he spent nine weeks with Aberdeen in America. The Scottish club played under the name of the Washington Whips and reached the final of a Cup competition. Its opponent was Wolves, representing Los Angeles. That final was an epic two-and-a-half hour battle. At the end of extra time, scores were locked at 5-5. A sudden death format applied and Wolves scored the winner in the 28th minute of sudden death time.

Munro notched a hat-trick in the 6-5 battle, and had come under close scrutiny from the Wolves bosses. He found out just how close, a couple of months later.

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Northcote hopes to clinch a huge sponsorship deal within the next three weeks and reckons that it is the big dark horse for a start in the 1984 NSL.

"The ASF screening committee has to start placing much more importance on spectator comfort and geography. Grounds must be easily accessible to a large suburban audience," said Northcote manager-coach Tony Vrina.

"Other prospective National League candidates are giving false crowd figures and are talking about already having to spend \$250,000 a year in their respective State Leagues — which just goes to show how poorly administered these clubs are."

"Northcote's budget this year won't be much more than \$120,000, of which \$40,000 went to pay off a debt incurred in previous years with the remainder going to player and coaching staff."

Northcote's facilities already are well developed and within two years the Greek-sponsored club will have the best soccer complex in Victoria outside of Olympic Park's No. 1 ground.

The club's home ground, John Cain Reserve, situated just 14 Kilometres from the Melbourne city centre, already has an excellent all-seater grandstand. Work started two weeks ago on a huge social club underneath the stand, comprising two separate sections, each able to accommodate 1,000 people, with bar and kitchen facilities. That's on the basement level. Above that, a gymnasium, manager's office and boardroom will be built. The basement level will be completed before this Christmas and the second storey will be completed late next year.

Concrete terracing on the outer part of the ground should be ready for use next year. The next stage of terracing development, behind both goals, should be completed by 1985.

CRAIG MACKENZIE

## Travel burden lowered for Adelaide, Brisbane clubs

The format of the enlarged and regionalised National Soccer League will be varied to avoid travel between Adelaide and Brisbane.

The present format places West Adelaide, Adelaide City, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions in a 12-team southern region, along with eight clubs from Melbourne.

The Adelaide and Brisbane teams are in a sub-group in which they are meant to play against each other.

But the NSL has had second thoughts.

"The costs of travelling between Adelaide and Brisbane are astronomical," NSL chairman Sam Papasavas said.

"What we're trying to do is come up with a schedule of matches that avoids Adelaide and Brisbane meeting in normal home and away matches."

This means there probably will be at least one extra match between West Adelaide and Adelaide City, and between Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

The Adelaide teams also would play more often against Victorian teams, and the Brisbane teams probably would play more often against clubs from Sydney.

Papasavas said that only Sydney and Melbourne teams would be subject to a normal pre-season draw. The match programme for the other clubs would be drawn up by the league.

Applications from clubs to increase the size of the league from 16 to 24 close on October 1, but Papasavas ruled out the possibility of a third Adelaide club or a club from Perth.

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ST. GEORGE coach Frank Arok, speaking about David Ratcliffe:

"He is a born competitor; every fibre of his body strives for a maximum effort. David doesn't know how to relax or get slack during a match. He is just as intense as I am. Even at training he works with 'live ammunition'. When he tackles Merton, Slater or Petkovski, it's a crunching, hard tackle. He doesn't know half-measures. And he curses, hisses and caresses the others constantly. Ratcliffe wants the same maximum effort from everybody that he is willing to put into a match. And he's a bit of a bastard though a very nice one... Against Adelaide City, after a foul of his, the referee mistakenly cautioned Paul Wilkinson. His best pal Wilkinson just stood there, gaping, too stunned to protest his innocence while David walked away from the scene. He didn't want to add to his penalty tally; he would have done it to his own father. Anything to keep playing and keep winning. How can we even imagine a team without him?"

• Frank Arok

## RATCLIFFE:



By ANDREW DETTRE

# The man with steel in his hands and concrete in his boots

If you were searching for a trade to match the character of the immensely powerful, competitive David Ratcliffe, you'd probably settle for "steel fixer," a man who puts reinforced steel in concrete. And he is just that. It'd be difficult to visualise him working in a butter factory, painting toys for a puppet show or other soft jobs. David is a hard man at work and at play.

I've seen all the good to excellent central defenders in Australia for some 30 years — and rate Ratcliffe as among the best, with the Joe Marsons, Alan Marocks and Wilf Wilsons. Indeed, it's hard to imagine today's St. George defence without this iron man who works with steel and appears to have concrete in his broad, athletic shoulders.

When Frank Arok selected his team against England, his masterstroke was using Ratcliffe as stopper and Charlie Yankos as sweeper. This tandem was largely instrumental in holding the English at bay, limiting them to two goals in three games — one of which was a huge refereeing error. Ratcliffe, facing the elusive, classy Trevor Francis, became one of the heroes of the series — and the villain in the embittered, disappointed English Press. In fact, you'd say he reached the peak.

"No I haven't," he says with a sad smile. "I don't think I'm in Lee Scheinfog's plans for the future. For some reason he doesn't like me, maybe because of my two bad games against New Zealand earlier. I'd say he'll pick Steve Blair for one spot, probably mine. That's why I haven't even bothered to get naturalised yet. I'd love to play for Australia in the World Cup but I don't think I will. Coaches are like that, you know."

I know. So are journalists, players and fans, everybody involved in the game. One hundred people with 100 different opinions. And Ratcliffe is mature enough to accept this.

David, of course, is English, coming from a small township near Bradford, a few miles from Leeds. His parents still live there and so does a brother. They are all in the butchery business. If David had stayed into it, too, I could see him felling an axe with a single blow to the temple.

He joined Bradford at the age of 16, in 1973, and played there until the end of the 77-78 season when he accepted an offer from Brisbane City. The intermediary was former Australian national coach Brian Green. So David and his bride of three weeks, Andrea, packed their bags and flew into the great unknown.

"Actually, I loved Brisbane — even bought a house there," he says, cautiously eating his calamari in the restaurant. "We had a very competitive team, some good results, but not the best in the country. Every time you walked on the street half a dozen people greeted you and stopped for a chat. In Sydney nobody knows you and nobody notices you. It's a different kind of place. But I don't regret joining St. George early last year — it's a superb club."

"I realised that Sydney and Melbourne are the two main centres of soccer here and if you want to get anywhere, you'd be better off playing there. At first I said 'no' to the Saints' offer but then changed my mind when Brisbane City was keen to sell me and Wilkinson (Paul Wilkinson) in a package deal. They needed the money to pay for their grandstand."

"I'm not better off financially in Sydney than I was in Brisbane — but there are compensations. I made the national team and I can play and train under Frank Arok, easily the most remarkable man in the business."

"You say I'm hard? Well, what about Arok? He's tough, strong and ruthless — but brilliant. And so competitive, winning is everything to him. Just like us. We're pretty similar in nature, actually, that's why we had a few clashes. If I have something worrying me or want to make a suggestion, I'll say it to Frank in front of the other players. Isn't it better than running to the boss with tales about the other players behind their backs?"

Ratcliffe, oozing confidence and power on the field, easily given to self-doubts about his own ability, somewhat surprised for such a bright, tough exertor. He doesn't feel, for instance, that he would have made the English First Division had he stayed there. ("there are literally thousands of good players fighting to get in")

He also slams himself for his lack of basic, natural

speed and says he has to make up for this with very sharp anticipation and positioning. As for skills, he is a great admirer of three of his team-mates — Dez Marston, Mark Barton and John O'Shea.

"If I had their skill, I'd be a 10 times better player," he says. "Marston is absolutely superb. At times I get annoyed that he doesn't ever tackle but then I remind myself that it's not really his job: it's mine. Barton can do some incredible things with the ball. Nobody knows, including perhaps himself, how he wriggles through the tiniest corridors."

"John O'Shea is a great midfielder. He doesn't want to shine but does his job, distributes well and wins the ball. We wouldn't be the same team without him. Or without Robert, his brother. He is a fantastically under-rated fullback, a player's player you can always count on."

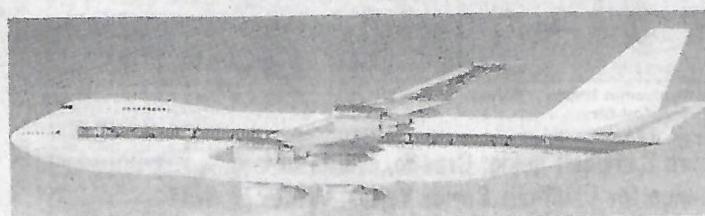
Ratcliffe almost had to fight his whole family to become a soccer player. His father wanted him to stick to Rugby League. And he couldn't have been bad at it for at 15 he played for England — against Australia, too — in a schoolboy international. But all this time he kept playing soccer — and eventually dropped all other sports to swear allegiance to the round ball.

"Mainly because in England it's THE sport, all you hear and read is soccer. They're mad about it. Mind you, I don't think England will ever do very well again at international level — there is not enough skill."

"English soccer is blood and thunder; fans want to see the ball played from one end of the field to the other as quickly as possible. It's stamina and courage and commitment, and all that. I guess the island mentality, the martial past of the country, has something to do with it. They fight the matches, not play them. The grounds also have a lot to do with it: you don't worry too much about skills when for months on end you play ankle-deep in mud and slush."

"I've seen hundreds of brilliant young kids being sent packing at club trials — because they couldn't have stood up to the rigors of the game. Skilful, talented but small or slim kids, who have all disappeared

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## Who'll be new West boss?

Con Kambas, Neil McGachey, Barry Reynolds, Nick Pantelis, Evan Dandrakis — who will succeed Alan Vest as coach of West Adelaide Hellas? Or will Doug Collins join Wests if he does not stay with Marconi? All kinds of things are being suggested, but there's no doubt that Vest will leave. He's apparently had enough. Is it true that Vest and Ken Morton will form a coaching partnership elsewhere next year? Morton recently parted company with Heidelberg-Alexander.

## Ex-Lions spur Ipswich

Socceroo Jim Muir (left)  
and England's Paul Marconi.

### Muir barred

Former Socceroo Jim Muir was barred by the SA federation from playing for Beograd in the Federation Cup semi-final last Saturday because he had not played in at least one earlier round, as required under the rules. Muir left Marconi to play for Eastern in Hong Kong, and joined Beograd upon his return recently.

Former Brisbane Lions personalities Ron Millman and Matt Carson were instrumental in helping Ipswich United with the Queensland Ampol Cup 2-0 against Mount Gravatt. Millman scored the first goal and Matt Carson, who coached Millman at Lions, is coach of Ipswich United. He kept Millman's injury a closely guarded secret in the weeks before the game, so that the opponents would not know of the forward's handicap.

## Surgery for Rizzotto?

Marconi left back Joe Rizzotto is out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. He has cracked his left kneecap and probably will require surgery. Rizzotto was one of the stars of the Australian team in the 1983 World Youth Champions in Mexico.

They could have made it in France or Germany but not in England. I don't think this will ever change."

Ratcliffe is not absolutely sure what the future holds for him. One day, he feels, he may return to Brisbane and buy some sort of a business. His present job as a steel-fixier, working on construction sites, is a physically demanding one.

"I'll have a talk with Frank Arok soon to sort out my plans. I'd like to stay, especially if he stays."



Socceroo Ratcliffe (right) shadowing England superstar, striker Trevor Francis.

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"I certainly don't want to quit at 32 and be saying later I could have played another two or four years," he said.

"Now I'm just playing when I think it's needed."

"I will continue playing and coaching next year, although whether it will be with Makedonia I don't know," he said.

He did not want to comment on whether he had discussed a new contract with Makedonia or a possible move to another club.

"With another few games to go to the top of the league I wouldn't want to be saying anything."

"But I can say people have been interested. I'll just have to see what happens."

"If we win the League I wouldn't have any problem there, would I?" he said.

"I don't know whether to get out when things are going to, or whether I'd like the challenge of a new League, a new format next year."

"You get a bit fed up with the same format year after year and the 24-team League next year could be good."

Ollerton credits much of his coaching success to his varied soccer background.

"I've played under a lot of good coaches. Many have more qualifications, but can't get through to their players."

"Everything I've said this year, right or wrong, has been carried out on the field, and that's what really counts."

After some brief hesitation she accepts. When his passion has been spent, he pulls a \$10 note from his pocket and offers it to her.

"What do you think I am?" she explodes.

"We have already established what you are; we are merely haggling over the price."

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I guess the next big step for the NSL will be to implement the split-league plan properly; let's pray it will do just that.

This American idea has its own pitfalls; it's not a guarantee panacea to cure soccer's problems.

Look at the American scene. Most of the clubs are broke or will be broke soon; the whole NASL is on the verge of yet another collapse — its second.

I've said it before but I say it again, to go firmly on

# Docherty: I want to coach Australia!

**Tommy Docherty would like to come back to Australia as manager-coach of the national youth squad.**

The controversial Scot left for England last week after a stormy season with National League club Sydney Olympic which ended after weeks of abuse at matches and training by supporters of the Greek-based team.

"I have no quarrel with the people, media or referees in Australia and would love to become involved in the youth coaching area," he said.

"There is a great future ahead for Australia if the soccer fraternity can get its act together and with tightening in certain areas this country could be up with Europe and England in five years."

"Enough local talent is coming through from the juniors to eliminate the need for imports and this is proved by the record of the national youth team and the number of young players in the National League Clubs," he said.

"As youth manager, I would be able to call on the experience of coaches Les Scheinflug, Raul Blanco and others. My record is good with youth selection and promotion."

Docherty said he would not return to Australia to coach a club side, although he valued the experience he had gained as a semi-professional coach during his stay.



**Tommy Docherty**

make sure nobody knows which game will be screened.

And as they do have cameras at all grounds for Monday's round-up anyway, it wouldn't be too hard to remain discreet — and increase the gate attendances.

Finally — the "name business." It seems that after having been harangued long enough, the ASF is willing to make a compromise on "ethnic" names. Pity it's a silly one.

Clubs will have to play under their Australianised names — but can promote themselves and approach sponsors under their "ethnic" names.

South Melbourne is apparently to appear as such in the metropolitan newspapers as Hellas in the Greek press and perhaps as Gunners when they talk turkey with a potential sponsor.

The confusion, already considerable, will turn into chaos. A company will agree to pay a sum to the Gunners in sponsorship only to see the money being spent by Hellas or South Melbourne.

I do wish the ASF would decide on the simplest and most honest course of action: give the clubs total freedom to choose whatever name they wish to use.

But only one name; not these terribly phoney hybrids such as South Melbourne-Hellas-Gunners and Sydney City-Hakoah-Slikers.

Marketing, promotion and public relations require simple, uncomplicated methods. You have to guide the public to the market, not confuse it with contradictory signs.

## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

### The passionate man and the prostitute

record: the NSL needs a lot more than mere geographical division.

It's a good start — but shouldn't be regarded as the product.

Playing standards, club managements, refereeing and ground facilities all must be improved, otherwise we'll have two struggling leagues instead of one.

Talking of referees: even though this would add to the cost of the NSL, I think it's time we returned to having neutral referees.

Far too many local referees are thinly disguised fans of the home team. Far too many of the decisions, seen on TV week after week, are simply diabolical.

Sydney coaches, for example, have the shakes for days before they go to play in Canberra. Some claim that you have to be four goals better there to win by the odd goals.

It's simply not credible that local referees can stay totally and absolutely neu-

tral. If not their conscious then their subconscious pulls them to one side.

If this weren't true, we wouldn't need neutral referees at internationals either.

Another area which badly needs some re-thinking is the Sunday TV match of the day on 0-28.

The collective experience of European countries is that showing an hour of a match the same day has very bad effects on attendances.

Here we compound our error: we even announce and publish which match will be seen on Sunday evening.

Last week, for example, everybody knew that one hour of the APIA v Marconi game would be on TV at 7.30. I wonder how many fans were content to pass up going to the game and settling for 60 minutes of it on TV a mere hour or so after it had ended?

If, for whatever reasons, the NSL wants to retain the Sunday evening telecast of matches, at least they should



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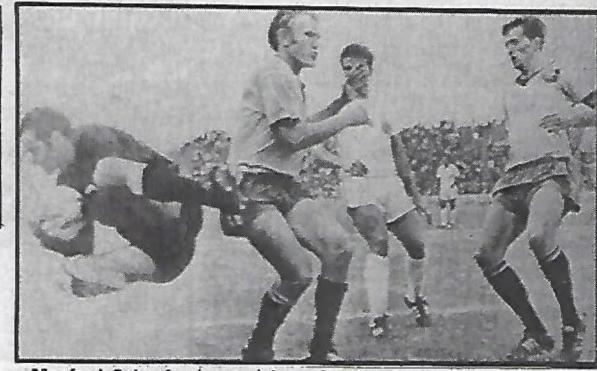
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team, which, before last weekend, led the competition by 14 points.

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- 10: M. Halliday (Camp).
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- 6: D. Kallian (Para), F. Michalon (Azz).
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With six games to go, Zarko Odzakov, the brilliant midfielder of Preston-Makedonia, has moved in equal third place in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Odzakov earned five votes for his performance against Marconi in Sydney, while neither the leader, Phil O'Connor (Wollongong), nor second-placed Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) polled any votes.

Danny Wright made a strong return with a best-on-ground performance in Brisbane Lions' 2-2 draw with West Adelaide Hellas, boosting him to seventh place.

Marshall Soper stayed in the lead in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award, by scoring

against APIA, Doug "Bomber" Brown of South Melbourne Hellas moved into equal second place, with 11 goals, by notching two against Canberra.

This week's votes:

FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 at Schinetti Reserve. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

DER 2 (Campbell, Lea) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Hamilton) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 700. Votes by Peter Desirat:

6 Lea (H), 5 Perry (BC), 4. Selemidis (H), 4. Campbell (H), 2. Hamilton (BC), 1. Fabricio (BC).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Wright 2) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 2 (Brown, Brennan) at Richlands. Crowd about 300. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6 Wright (H), 5 Heys (WA), 4. Honeyman (WA), 3.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Raskopoulos, Soper) APIA-LEICHHARDT 1 (P. Tredinnick) at St George Stadium. Crowd 3823. Votes by Peter Scott:

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Record: H'berg 4 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 20.17 goals.

**SUNDAY**

Brisbane City v. ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Spencer Park, 3pm.  
Record: St. Geo. 5 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 13.12 goals.

Wollongong v. ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3pm.  
Record: W'ng 3 wins, 0 draw, 1 loss, 8.6 goals.

APIA-Leichhardt v. Footscray J.U.S.T. (draw) at Lambert Park, 3pm.  
Record: JUST 4 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 12.8 goals.

PRESTON-MAKEDONIA v. Sydney Olympic at Connor Reserve, 3pm.  
Record: Mak 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 10.6 goals.

West Adelaide Hellas v. Marconi-Fairfield (draw) at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.  
Record: Mac. 9 wins, 0 draw, 3 losses, 15.10 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 v. Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, 3pm.  
Record: Hellas 6 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 15.13 goals.

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he will need one more week's rest, so he probably won't be available for the Saturday night match, against Sydney Hakoah at Sydney. That game could well decide the championship.

Olympic coach Schaefer also has a few decisions to make — like whether to use Mark Koussas as twin striker alongside Marshall Soper instead of having Terry Patilis playing wide, or whether Peter Katholos should play up front or in midfield, or whether Graham Jennings should be on the wing or at left back.

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Brown and his striking partner, Charlie Egan have been tearing defences to ribbons in recent weeks, and I shudder to think what they'll do to young Vasquez and Hunter.

With the midfield also firing, Hellas should win by as many as five.

Arthur Xanthopoulos missed last week's match, and it remains to be seen whether he returns against Linen.

Newcastle remains the biggest threat to Makedonia, however, due to its excellent goal difference. Heidelberg travels north on Saturday, and will give Newcastle a tougher

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Adelaide City Juventus' Glen Dods earlier had made himself unavailable for "business and personal reasons".

Wynton Rufer (FC Zurich) also pulled out because of club commitments. He has been replaced by Colin Tait of Papatoetoe, whom Australians may remember as the choice as best and fairest player of the 1982 Oceania Youth Tournament, over David Lowe.

Tua's inclusion must be regarded as being at the expense of former Footscray JUST and Brisbane Lions striker Johan Verweij now with Christchurch United, who was favoured to fill the gap left by Rufer.

The returns have been surprisingly set for Tokyo on October 7 and Taipei five days later.

Herbert, Cole and Wooddin were nearly almost certainly will miss the last three rounds of the NSL programme.

**By PAUL MOON**

## Syd. Olympic 2 APIA 1

**At St George Stadium.**  
**Crowd:** 3232.  
**Referee:** Tim Davies 9.  
**Caution:** Bartogna (APIA).  
**Scorers:** Raskopoulos (O)  
27th min, Soper (O) 39th min,  
Tredinnick (A) 51st min.

**OLYMPIC:** Meier 7, Coady 6, Herbert 7, Dakos 6, Jennings 6, Phillips 7, Patikas 8,

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behind the defence and slotted home the ball, undisturbed and unattended, from close range.

Thus, it was 1-0 and all systems go for Olympic and within 12 minutes they were two up, but not before they almost received a very nasty shock.

A loose ball went bouncing around inside the home team's penalty area, and normally dependable Kiwi international Ricky Herbert completely missed with a header which would have cleared the situation.

APIA speedster Peter Sharne was suddenly all alone, needing only to put the ball into any part of the net.

Amey, who failed to gain bal-ance and by the time he recovered the angle was too acute and the opportunity was gone.

Within two minutes Patikas busted his way through the APIA defence, fired off a shot, but saw Parkes parry it.

But only as far as Soper who immediately lodged the leather in the back of his former club's net.

APIA fought back gamely after the break.

Its attacking moves were in-creasingly imaginative, especially after Morsillo's re-placement by Walter Valeri.

Tredinnick capitalised on a neat pass received through a tangle of legs in the 51st minute to pull one back.

Not much later there was the intense frustration for APIA fans of having to see an excellent shot from Bradley hit the upright, with Olympic keeper Gary Meier well beat-en.

However, it was not to be for APIA on this occasion and out of their bigger dis-appointments must have been Peter Sharne's failure to fire, playing only as a shadow of his former sparkling self.

# A WINNING PARTNERSHIP

## Marconi 3 Makedonia 1

**Scores:** Winn 19', 27', 50'  
Mani 39', McMillan 47'.  
**Ground:** Marconi Stadium  
City, Sydney.

**Referee:** Peter Rampling 7  
Yellow cards: Djordjevic 7  
Marconi: James 7, Bacic 7,  
Djordjevic 8, McCullough 7,  
Henderson 7, Calderon 7,  
Carbone 7, Sermani 8, Hunter 6,  
Winn 5, Licata 6.

**MAKEDONIA:** Wilson 6,  
Opasinić 7, Petrovski 6, Ilievski 7,  
Jones 6, Todorovski 7 (Farrer 61' - 7), Flavel 6, McMillan 7,  
Odzakov 9, Ollerton 6, Campbell 5.

Steve Winn came back into the Marconi line-up to spear-

head the side to a comfort-able win over the league leader and keep the title race open.

Almost from the kickoff Winn was in for home volley Licata's cross but Wilson dived to his left to save. That moment on it was all systems go for Winn and Marconi as the home side bore forward to threaten Wilson.

Jovan Djordjevic's throw-in led to Marconi's opener. Partly cleared, the ball fell to Sermani who crossed for Winn to head home in the 19th minute. Eight minutes later it was Sermani again with a neat through ball for Winn, and following a good run and cross by the nippy forward, Winn



Alex Vesic

flew forward to head his sec-on.

Sermani made it 3-0 from the edge of the box close to the end of the first period and Makedonia was well beaten.

McMillan followed a good

through ball from his coach Peter Ollerton to cut Marconi's lead soon after the inter-val but the visitors never looked strong enough to cause Marconi much concern.

With the title race hotting up, Makedonia needed to show much more to get away with at least one point but Marconi was in no mood to donate the points. Helped by a strong breeze during the first period, the home Sermani and Winn.

The two played together in England and caused many a stir with their understanding. Winn finally has shaken off the effect of the injury which kept him out of the game for so long and Sermani slowly is becoming the darling of Marconi fans.

For Makedonia, Odzakov was very impressive and came close to scoring during the second period. His general play, distribution and skill were a delight to watch. On the

day Odzakov came a close second to Steve Winn.

For Ollerton the loss didn't mean all that much as Newcastle and Sydney City slipped again.

The ex-Socceroo could have made things easier for his side but lacked speed to finish off a move early, then headed past James only to see the ball bounce off the ground and over the bar close to half time.

But despite the near misses all credit must go to Marconi for its entertaining play which satisfied some 3,500 people on a Friday night at Marconi Stadium. Some of the moves were special, some of the shortcomings were shortcoming, some of the mistakes were mistakes.

It was a good win for Marconi.

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Up to that time, the ASF's sponsor, West Nally, had been unable to generate enough promotion and advertising funds to underwrite the series.

It is likely that a three-match series between Australia and Uruguay will replace the tournament.



Peter Windsor

goal-line near the post and was able to boot the ball off the goal-line.

hammered away at Hellas's defence. Rarely, though, did they threaten with real menace.

And when Hellas began to break, they did so with purpose and polish.

For example, the first break saw a Dough Brown shot punched into the air by Canberra's goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski, and when, under a fierce challenge, he was dispossessed, the usually deadly Brown hit the usually deadly Brown hit the underside of the bar.

But with just 60 seconds re-maining, a neat Egan-Brown move saw Brown finish superbly.

And when just nine minutes after the turn-round Brown again showed his masterly fin-ishing it was, one thought.

That, of course, was true — but in the 6th minute mid-fielder Ian Stone split Hellas's midfield with ease with a great floated lob and speedster Tony Brennan was able to run onto the ball on the burst and fire past Laumonts.

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# PUSKAS 'IS INTERESTED'

**Heidelberg 2  
Brisb City 1**

**Scorers:** 0-1 Hamilton 40m,  
1-1 Campbell 53m, 2-1 Lea  
62m.

**Ground:** Olympic Village  
**Crowd:** 700 (estimated)

**Referee:** S. Mallings 9

**HEIDELBERG - ALEXANDER**

**DER:** Oliver 7; Mackie 7,

Yankos 7, MacLeod 8, Tansey

7; Selamidis 8, Campbell 8,

Spanos 7; Cole 7, Lea 9, Ven-

tington 7. **Coach:** Jim Tansey.

**BRISBANE CITY - Wishart**

7; Caird 7, Perry 9, Liddell 7,

Wilkinson 7; Pimbblett 7, Fabri-

zo 8, Hamilton 6; Williamson

7, Cairney 7, Bronford 7

(Falco 65m). **Coach:** Jim Her-

miston.

**Heidelberg president Sam Goulopoulos claims Ferenc Puskas**



**Peter Desira**

**Puskas is interested in Heidelberg's coaching job and may come to Australia in October to take charge**

Goulopoulos says he has been in touch with the former Magyar Marvel in Madrid and is waiting for a reply on his offer.

"He is interested and is being pushed by his wife who has friends here and wants to come to Australia. I'm sure if we do get him he'll be a big drawcard for us and soccer in general in Australia," Goulopoulos said.

The alleged Puskas dealings do not bother Heidelberg caretaker coach Jim Tansey who admitted on Sunday he "doesn't want the job next year."

"I'm 30 now and have a long time to coach but not so many years to enjoy as a player," he said.

Tansey has been in charge only 10 days but already is amased by the pressure from outsiders at Heidelberg about team selection.

"They're already saying I don't like this player or that player but in all honesty all I'm concerned with is putting out the best team available."

"We're down the bottom and can't afford to carry passengers and the lads showed commitment out there to come from behind to get that win today," Tansey said after the match.

"I'm especially pleased with Tony Selamidis' performance in midfield - I think he's done very well for us over the past two weeks."

Tansey says if the pressure

Juve's way just after the break when Jon Watson was injured.

Yet what was to be the turning point of the game for Juve seemed to have a purpose on Hakoah.

Barnes, Kosmina, Cant and Gomez figured more prominently in Juve's woes. Juve was forced to defend anxiously.

Kosmina levelled after 64 minutes but not before Metta had a great chance to put Juve two up.

Soon after Kosmina's goal, Murray had the goal at his mercy but chipped the ball over the bar.

Juve managed to hold on for a deserved point and was able to send a real scare up Hakoah which will need a more concerted effort over 90 minutes in the remaining matches if it is to overhaul the league's leaders.

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## Marton, Slater kill 'em

**By ALEX VESIC**

**St George 4  
Wollongong 0**

**Scorers:** Slater 48', Wilkin-

son 65', Marton 71, 84'

**Ground:** St George Stadium

**Crowd:** 1720

**Referee:** Ken Small 5

**Yellow Cards:** Pollard, O'-

Connor (W), Ratcliffe (SG)

**ST GEORGE BUDAPEST:**

Fraser 7, Skeen 7, R. O'Shea

6, Barton 6, Ratcliffe 7, M.

O'Shea 7, Slater 8, Stone 6,

Wilkinson 6, Marton 9.

**WOLLONGONG - Vardareff**

5, Willis 5, Pollard 5, Dunleavy

5, Vlietstra 5, Ainsworth 6,

Dickson 5, McBrown 5, Cotton

7, (Green 82'), Gaffney 6, O'-

Connor 5.

**Des Marton, the ageing**

Saint, combined with Robbie

Slater, one of the young

Saints, to completely destroy

Wollongong at St George sta-

dium last Saturday.

Three minutes after half

time Slater beat Vlietstra and

Willis before side-footing past

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metres to give Saints the lead.

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line before bouncing out, but

the goal was not given.

With Wollongong committed

to come forward, huge gaps

started to appear, in the slow

Wolves backline. Marton man-

aged to create some space on

the right flank, then cross to

the far post for Wilkinson to

head in Saints' No. 2.

A quick through ball by

Store found Marton running away (!) from Wolves defenders

before pushing it wide of Var-

dareff.

Six minutes before the end

Marton dazzled with some

superb ball skills to turn Ray

Vlietstra and Chris DUNLEAVY

into the wall.

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# Clarinda-Kooyong facing expulsion?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The indefinite suspension of Victorian Provisional League Third Division club Clarinda-Kooyong Rangers last week by the VSF tribunal could throw the promotion and relegation issue within that league into complete turmoil.

Clarinda-Kooyong is alleged to have played a player in a reserves match after transferring him to East Richmond in the Industrial League. The player Dimitriakis, was cautioned while playing for Clarinda-Kooyong after his transfer.

Dimitriakis and the club have failed to appear before the VSF tribunal on the nights of August 24 and September 7. Further failure to appear could result in Clarinda-Kooyong's expulsion from the federation.

Clarinda-Kooyong was suspended from playing its last league game of this season, a home fixture against Pascoe Vale, last Saturday.

Until the player in question and the club appears before the tribunal the VSF will not be able to ascertain whether or not Clarinda-Kooyong is guilty of playing an ineligible player and, if so, whether this offence took place on more than one occasion.

Remember, we're talking about an offence alleged to have taken place in a reserves match. But if the charges are proved and subsequent investigation finds that the alleged miscreant has played in the Clarinda-Kooyong seniors then all hell will break loose as any clubs which have lost to Clarinda-Kooyong with the alleged miscreant in the team, will claim that they are entitled to be awarded the points.

## MALLACOOTA CUP

**Nunawading City Old Boys will be defending their trophy when the 12th annual Mallacoota Cup is held on the weekend of October 1 and 2.**

Cup organiser Alf Bowerman has 10 tentative starters in this year's competition. Nunawading (Melbourne City (Vic.); Sandringham City (Vic.); Sandringham (Vic.); Yalumba (Vic.); Mallacoota United (Vic.); Harbord Diggers (NSW); Hawley Bay (NSW); Hornsby RSL (NSW); Fernhill (NSW); Brookvale (NSW) and Suva Lautoka Old Boys.

The Fernhill club from Wollongong features three Illawarra representative players — Steve Quinn, Peter Thompson.

## Peter Dickson still is out in the cold

Peter Dickson, the temporary visa player dumped by Albion Rovers after being sent off the first time this season against Croydon in a State League game late in July, remains suspended indefinitely by the VSF tribunal.

Dickson, former Scottish international, did not appear before the tribunal for a simple reason: he didn't even know that his case was being heard, let alone the time and venue and that his presence was required.

"I thought that I was getting an automatic one-week suspension after being sent off for swearing at a team mate. No-one at Albion contacted me to tell me that I had to appear before the tribunal, so what sort of justice is this?" asked Dickson.

VSF secretary George Wallace assured me late last week that if Dickson contacts him at Soccer House he will arrange for the sacked Albion striker to appear before the tribunal.

Wallace explained that the tribunal reserves the right to either suspend absenteest indefinitely or judge their cases in their absence.

Dickson feels hard done by. Understandably so. Many players have failed to appear before the VSF tribunal over the years and few have found themselves suspended indefinitely. And Dickson's alleged offence — foul and abusive language directed at a



Peter Dickson

team mate — seems minor. The referees clamp down on swearing this time smacks of racism. If Dickson spoke say Armenian, or Latvian, chances are that he never would have been sent off.

Meanwhile, a man who played over 300 games in the Scottish League, gaining international recognition twice, when joining Albion this year from Green Gully Ajax, the club which imported him in 1982, is left out in the cold.

Dickson claims that he is owed contract money by Albion.

"I was told at half time in the game against Croydon not to come back to Albion, so I haven't gone back and the club still owes me money," he said.

"What's the point? It's all this talk about me being deported. What a load of rubbish. It makes me look bad, and it's just not true. If Albion doesn't want me anymore it has to pay my fare back to Scotland."

"Look, there are other players at Albion with a worse disciplinary record than me. It strikes me that there's one rule for some and another rule for others. I've been fined heavily for missing training but I know of others who haven't turned up for training and haven't been fined."

"It's not too good a player to be sidelined. It seems that the only way out of his present impasse is for him to contact George Wallace and to appear before the tribunal. Once that matter is resolved, he can then work on his situation with Albion."

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

# AUSTRALIAN UNDER



**Australian under 16 champion, Northern New South Wales, from left, back row: Barry Hamilton, (manager) Barry Gray, (masseur), Craig Gradwell, Peter McGuinness, Tony Ward, Lonnie Junon, Dane Sharpe, Mark Wahlster, Paul Foster, Andrew Hamilton, Mark Hampson, Warwick Maher, Jim Foley (Coach). Front: Steven Geddes, Ken Costello, Darren Northam, Russell Turnbull, Peter Nink.**



**New South Wales, from left: Back row: Jim Giffen (manager), Ross Etherington, Chris Kalantzis, John Veneri, Wayne Pierce, Duncan Worthington, Allan Edmondson. Middle row: Andy Watson (masseur) Robert Hooker, Steve Strasshofer, Nick Conradi, Joe Laianca, Greg Lerond, Tony Rapo. Front row: Carlo Spina, Greg Fisher, Alfredo Carmona, Rafael Marco, Rick Monsalve.**



**Victorian, from left: Back row: Chris Ketsakidis, Ugo Jukic, Ross Carrozza, Stuart Lee, Theo Misou. Middle row: Stan Slezak (manager), Robert Markovac, Com Legas, Chris Simios, George Mihos, Steve Tasiros, Paris Tzambazis, Tim White (coach). Front row: Michael McLennan, Con Kiekos, Ernie Tapai, Victor Cristaldo, Jim Pasakos.**



**Tasmania, from left Back: Dave Smith (coach), Brett Porthouse, Lars Koch, Tony Bacic, David Stoddart, Scott Nicholls, Michael Goldsmith. Middle: Steven Benfield, Kurt Reynolds, Sean Green, Leigh Gillam, Richard Leszcynski, Mark Honeyman. Front: Geoff Hellam, Justin Edwards, Ian Hendie, David Clarkson, Richard Wignall.**

## Under 15

**Victoria came second to Queensland in the national Championships held from August 3 to September 3 at Cromer Park, De Sydney.**

In a parallel tournament, Victoria Trans Tasman Cup. The competitions round-robin matches with seven state teams from New Zealand. Over all games, Victoria remained undefeated: ceded only one goal (a penalty). However no-score draws proved costly in the competition.

Four boys from Victoria played for in its 1-0 win against NZ on Sunday, Sept. 4. They were: David Healy (Knox City Sabatino (Fawkner), Jimmy Const (Northcote City) and Michael Ioakimidis (Ringwood City).

Additionally, Corrad Nobile (Knox City selected for further trials for the Ocean Tournament to be held in New Zealand this year. This tournament is for boys born August 1, 1968.

Apart from the above boys the V squad was: John Anastasiadis (Footscray Jack Bacak (Melbourne Coatia); Adam (Knox City); Kevin Carfora (Thomastown); Richard Falzon (Sunshine/George Cross Lopatic (Footscray); Tony Narcis (Tottenham); Tai Nguy (Sunshine/George Peter Papalazarou (Caulfield City); Pilbeam (Ringwood City) and Eric (Moorwell Falcons).

The squad was coached by Tom Newbustisted by John Senior, team manager.

The Championship results were: New South Wales 2; South Australia 1; Queensland 1; Victoria 2; West Australia 1; N.S.W. 5; A.C.T. 0; N.S.W. 4; W.A. 1 v N.S.W.; N.Z. 0 v N.S.W. 0; Q. 0; S.A. 0 v A.C.T. 1; Vic 3 v N.S.W. 1; A.C.T. 0; N.S.W. 5; S.A. 1; N.Z. 2 v Q. 2; N.Z. 2; S.A. 1 v N.Z. 4; N.S.W. 1 v N.S.W. 0; A.C.T. 0; Q. 0; N.Z. 2 v N.S.W. 1; S.A. 2; W.A. 0 v Vic 0; N.Z. 3 v N.S.W. 0; Q. 5 v N.Z. 6; Vic 0 v S.A. 6; Vic 0 v N.S.W. 0; S.A. 0 v Vic 0; N.Z. 0 v N.S.W. 2 v A.C.T. 0; Q. 2 v N.S.W. 0.

### National Championship

	W	D	L
Queensland	4	1	1
Victoria	3	3	0
South Australia	2	3	1
N.S.W.	3	1	2
West Australia	2	1	3
A.C.T.	1	1	4
Northern NSW	1	0	5
			Trans Tasman Cup
Victoria	3	0	2
Queensland	3	2	1
New Zealand	3	2	2
N.S.W.	3	2	2
South Australia	3	1	3
West Australia	3	1	3
A.C.T.	1	1	5
Northern NSW	1	0	8

# 16 CHAMPIONSHIPS

***Ward stars as Northern NSW takes the crown***

By  
LES SHORROCK

The 1983 national under 16 championships were played between August 29 and September 2, at HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point, Victoria.

Pre-tournament favorite was New South Wales, composed mainly of players who had won the 1982 under 15 championships convincingly at Frankston Pines.

But NSW succumbed to

## Kiakos future Socceroo captain?

Victoria by the surprisingly large margin of 3-0 and Victoria looked the logical champion after winning all of its three round one games, scoring five goals without reply.

Victoria probably fell prey to over-confidence because it came down to earth with a bang in its semi-final game against Northern NSW losing 1-2 through an own goal, although it fought back in spirited style and was unlucky enough to hit the woodwork in the closing minutes.

South Australia, which had headed Group B goal difference from Nth N.S.W. won the other semi-final in exciting style, scoring five penalties to four after drawing 1-1 in the regulation 70 minutes.

So the stage was set for an exciting final between South Australia and Northern NSW, two teams of contrasting styles, which had finished 1-1 in their first encounter.

However, the weather got

worse on final day, and the gale force wind blowing straight down the ground pitch havoc with ball control and turned the game into a lottery.

South Australian never came to grips with the conditions, and the more direct Northerners, after taking an early lead through a penalty goal against the wind, saw the game out comfortably, with the second-half wind being a bad toe.

South's best player, the stylish Mark Gower limped off on final day, and the

outstanding player of the final — indeed, possibly of the whole tournament, was North's Tony Ward.

Others in the show were Robert Hooper and Steve Strasshofer of N.S.W. and Theo Mitsou and Con Kiakos of Victoria.

National coach Les Scheinoph, who watched the championships along with A.I.S. head coach Jim Shouler, was impressed with Kiakos, saying he could be Australia's next youth team captain.

**DAY 1**

NSW 2 (Carlo Spina 2) West Australia 0

Queensland 0 South Australia 2 (Tim Mullen, Lou Cristofolou)

Victoria 1 (Theo Mitsou ACT 0 Northern NSW 1 (Dave Sharp Tasmania 0)

**DAY 2**

NSW 0 Victoria 3 (Theo Mitsou, Victor Cristaldo, Jim Paszkos)

Queensland 0 Northern NSW 1 (Paul Foster)

WA 1 (Gary Rubridge) ACT 0 SA 2 (Mark Gower, Gary Moretti) Tasmania 1 (Richard Leszczynski)

**DAY 3**

WA 0 Victoria 1 (Theo Mitsou)

SA 1 (Mark Gower) Northern NSW 1 (Paul Foster)

NSW 1 (Ross Etherington) ACT 0 Queensland 1 (Colin Junna) Tasmania 1 (Mark de Boom o.g.)

**DAY 4, quarter-finals**

WA 0 Queensland 1 (Michael Walker)

Tasmania 1 (Steven Bennefield) ACT 2 (Steve Priestley, Michael Mendez)

**DAY 4, semi finals**

Victoria 1 (Jim Paszkos) Northern NSW 2 (Ross Turnbull, o.g.)

South Australia 1 (Tim Mullen) NSW 1 (Chris Kalantzis) SA won 5-4 on penalties after extra time.

**DAY 5**

Fifth place: Queensland 1 (Jason Polak) ACT 0

For seventh place: WA 2 (Mark Candlish, Gary Rubridge)

Tasmania 2 (David Goddard 2) won on goal difference.

For third place: NSW 1 (Greg Fisher) Victoria 0

Final: Northern NSW 1 (Paul Foster pen) SA 0.

PLACINGS: 1. Nth NSW, 2. SA, 3. NSW, 4. Victoria, 5. Queensland, 6. ACT, 7. WA, 8. Tasmania.



South Australia, from left — back row: B. Lethbridge (referee), Warwick Sharpe, Phil Scarrano, Gary Dugan, Chris Tsoleridis, Mark Burrows, Arthur Stamatogiannis, Bob Hollands (mass); middle row: George Docherty (manager); Tim Mullen, Steve Service, Tony Hargreaves, Jason Batten, Steve Akits; Jack Braidwood (coach); front row: Mark Gower, Gary Moretti, John Harris, Lou Cristofolou, Juan Rodrigues.



West Australia from left, back row: Nick MacCullum (manager), Alex Cummings, Dean King, Boyd Burkhardt, Gary Rubridge, Ron Tindall (coach), Mark Pasqualeto; middle row: Scott Jarvis, David Lee, Mark Hardwick, Philip Hayman, Mark Candlish, Dimitrios Thomas; front row: Esat Bilekloski, Eddie Somedo, John Ceccan, Sergio Marras, Nicky Giannagostino.

Queensland from left, back row: Bruce Stowell (coach), Stephen Glover, Gregory Bryant, Mark Falkiner, David Falco, Walter Lobwein, John Hulme (masseur); middle row: Mark de Boom, Alan Millican, Thomas Carnavas, Jason Polak, Michael Walker, George Roberts; front row: Mark Bornkessel, Nicholas Meredith, Jamie Webb, Colin Junna, Guy Barbera.



## WENS DE JONG

By  
MICHAEL McCORMACK  
of the  
*Daily Advertiser*

Wens de Jong's lifelong association with soccer has large been responsible for the growth of the game in Wagga.

De Jong, 45, played his 700th game in Wagga recently, when he lined up with Eastlakes reserves against Wagga United at Koorialang Sports Centre.

Although he admitted to being a little slower than when he first pulled on the boots in Wagga in 1956, de Jong loves playing and says he won't be retiring while he can still stand.

He first tried his hand at soccer as a five year old in Holland but migrated to Australia when he was 18.

De Jong began playing with Turvey Park but switched to a team known as Arsenal the next year.

But he lived in Henwood Park (which is now known as Kooringal) and to give the area some identity decided to form a soccer club.

With the help of his brother Pat, de Jong started what has now become the strongest club in Wagga.

Well, that's according to de Jong anyway!

De Jong is celebrating its silver anniversary this year.

Henwood Park had so many players in their senior ranks this year they formed two sides within first division and two in the reserve grade competition.

De Jong, a founding life

member of Henwood Park, has played in 17 of the club's 18 first grade premiership teams in the past 24 years.

His son is just summed up by Henwood Park first grader Grant Ackroyd, who said de Jong was the driving force behind his (Ackroyd's) career.

"Most kids take up soccer because of the example set by Wens," Ackroyd said.

"The old master.... well that's what we all call him.... gains a lot of personal pride from Henwood Park and seeing all the players that have progressed over the years."

"Wens has helped a great deal in junior development — you could say he has nurtured me."

De Jong recalled winning a Footballer of the Year award in 1959 sponsored by The Daily Advertiser.

Only last season, his son, Les, 21, took out the Player of the Year award.

Wens also has two other sons, Tony, 15, and nine-year-old Simon, and eight children playing soccer.

De Jong said he would be stepping down as president after 13 years at the end of the season.

## VSF annual meeting

The Victorian Soccer Federation will have its annual meeting at the Yarra Room, Olympic Park, on Thursday, October 27.

The following vacancies will arise:

President — John Dimtsis retiring and eligible for re-election.

Vice-president — Eric Heath — retiring and eligible for re-election.

Board member — Lew Stafrace — eligible for re-election.

## KLAUS KILLS 'EM DOWN IN TASSIE

By  
WALTER PLESS

Ulverstone coach, Otto Klaus, has had two successes in Tasmania after only two seasons in the State. His team won the state-wide Ampol Cup last year by defeating Juventus-Pioneer in a replay, and this season the club won the northern pre-season Steven Hudson Cup.

Klaus works full-time as a coach on Tasmania's north-west coast. As well as being coach of Northern State League side Ulverstone, he is employed by the North-Western school Soccer Association to coach soccer in the schools.

After playing for several teams in West Germany's regional leagues, prior to the establishment of the Bundesliga, Klaus came to Australia in 1964 and played for Banksia town, he coached Concordia in 1972 before returning to West Germany and attending the West German Football Academy in Cologne. Upon returning to Australia, he coached Enmore to promotion to the NSW First Division.

After a stint with Belmore, Klaus received an offer from Tasmania's Ulverstone and he moved there for the start of the NSW First Division.

Although the club didn't win the Combined North and Northern State League title this year (Doverport won that honour), Klaus was appointed as Northern coach for the series against the State League South. His aim is to eventually coach in Hobart.

"My target would be coach in Hobart," he says.

"I still believe they have the better players there and a harder competition. I have nothing against the north, but, being somewhat ambitious, that would suit me more."



Otto Klaus

## 80 dreams come true

The U16 youth soccer holiday, organised by Stephens Sport Travel of Sydney, have been booked out for January, with 80 boys preparing for the trip of a lifetime.

The trip includes coaching by top-line English First Division players and visits to Ipswich Town, Manchester United, Aston Villa and Cambridge United.

Additional tours have been organised for March, May and December 1984.

In May, Stephens Travel has Australian representative teams travelling to Ipswich for the Ipswich Cup, the largest junior competition in England, with teams from many countries.

Further information about soccer tours and available from Stephens Travel, 5th floor, 88 Pitt Street, Sydney, 2000, phone (01) 231 3833, telex AA22587.

# It's all over bar the shouting!

Congratulations are in order. Green Gully Ajax is the 1983 Victorian State League champion for the third successive year. Well done, Gully!

I don't care if I'm accused of jumping the mark. I don't care if Ajax coach David Smallman, president Guy Spiteri, Treasurer Arnold Lager, team manager Mario Bigg or indeed, all four, conspire me for lulling the team into a false sense of security. Because if they do then they are being less than honest.

Now, come on lads, we all know that the Gully is going to beat South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday and Doveton the following Sunday, don't we? At least, I do.

I'll come clean. I thought

that there was the slightest of chances that Gully would maybe, perhaps, possibly, on the off chance, be a bad day, and so could jump up and down Fawkner at Smith Reserve last weekend. The thought was in the back of my mind, just a thought, certainly not a hope. Had I hoped for a Gully cup I would have added credibility to the accusations against me from two Ajax supporters earlier this year. But they were wrong. I'm not a Croatia supporter.

How I wish that these two ardent green and white fans



**Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE**

closely associated with your outstanding club, have beaten me to it.

No, I definitely don't support Green Gully Ajax. I also don't support Melbourne Croatia. And before a few hot heads at either club start jumping up and down, I also don't support Juventus. But I've got a terrible admission to make. I do support a Victorian club. Unashamedly, unequivocally, without fear or favor, and simply loyalty - I support Sandringham City.

There, I've finally owned up. Now, perhaps club administrators like my very fine friend, Joe Sigur, can leave me in peace when their club doesn't win a league championship. It's not my fault. None of your players have taken bribes. The coach isn't a dummy. There's no intrigue to fuel your conspiracy flames. You just weren't good enough. And that's the most honest admission I've never heard yet from an administrator.

Let's get down to previewing this Sunday's round of games.

Ajax will beat Hellas; Morwell will lose to Juventus; in the last two spots in your league

because that meant that you would drop down into a lower league.

We'll all end up telling our grandchildren about it I suspect.

They probably won't believe us.

## SUNDAY

**POLONIA V ALBION ROVERS**

at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

**MONTREAL V JUVENTUS**

at North Croydon Reserve, 3pm.

**NORTHCOTE V CROYDON**

at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

**WILHELMINA V FAWKNER**

at Jubilee Park, 3pm.

**G.G. AJAX V HELLAS**

at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.

**CROATIA V DOVETON**

at Olympic Park No. 1, 3pm.

**BOX HILL V S.G. CROSS (DRAW)**

at Wembley Park, 3pm.

## Loughnane wins it

**CROYDON 1 (l. Loughnane 70th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0** at Croydon Park, Sunday.

**CROYDON: Kastner 7 - Rainey 6, Dobson 7, Marley 8, Hobson 7 -**

## Italian two still talking

The ailing negotiations for a merger of Fawkner and Thomastown were not beyond revival.

Thomastown members voted against the merger last week, but it seems they were under the mistaken impression that Thomastown would be "taken over" by Fawkner.

"That is not the case," said Fawkner president Greg Schipano.

"As a result of amalgamation, a brand new club would be formed, and it would be run jointly by the people of both Thomastown and Fawkner."

Further meetings are planned.

Leading NSL officials meanwhile, have made it clear that by amalgamating, Fawkner and Thomastown would receive much more favorable consideration for a place in the enlarged NSL next season.

Fawkner, however, will press for an NSL place regardless of its continuing talks with Thomastown.

"We have big plans at Fawkner, and we have a lot to offer to the NSL," Schipano said.



## BUFFALO SPORTS STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AJAX	18	5	1	57	10	41
CROATIA	19	2	3	68	12	40
JUVENTUS	17	4	3	50	19	38
CROYDON	11	6	7	39	28	28
Polonia	10	6	8	36	31	26
Box Hill	10	4	10	33	35	24
Fawkner	10	4	10	37	47	24
S. Geo. Cross	10	3	11	37	34	23
Northcote	9	4	11	32	42	22
Morell F.	8	5	11	26	39	21
Doveton	7	3	14	28	42	17
Albion R.	5	5	14	14	38	15
Wilhelmina	4	2	18	20	57	10
Hellas	1	5	18	22	65	7

## Bowles Shield, Oct. 1 and 2

Mooroobark Junior Soccer Club will hold its annual "William Bowles" Shield competition on October 1 and 2.

The annual competition, which began eight years ago, is in the memory of the late Mr. William Bowles, an ardent fan of Mooroobark. The Bowles family donated the trophy, awarded to the winning team.

The Lions Club of Mooroobark

will present an award for sportsmanship and conduct to the best behaved team on and off the field.

Twenty teams of under 11 players will take part, the teams coming from all over Melbourne, from as far apart as Mornington, Bendigo and Shepparton.

So for a feast of soccer, make a date - Esther Park, Mooroobark, on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2.

Fawkner was without sus-

pended central striker Ian Tufield and its cause was harmed further with the early losses of Joe Palinkas and Bruno Sabidussi, both due to injury. Two minutes into the game, Palinkas had to be replaced by Ralph Petrocelli and six minutes later Bruno Sabidussi

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JUVENTUS V BOX HILL: 3 Zinni (1), 2, L. Rutherford (BH), 1, V. Bannon (J)

HELLAS V CROATIA: 3 Brogan (C); 2 Cumming (C), 1 Gojevic (C).

ALBION V MORWELL: 3 Galea (A); 2 Bingham (M); 1 Hennessy (A).

CROYDON V WILHELMI-NA: 3 Wade (C); 2 Brooks (W), 1 Lee (W).

S.G. CROSS V NORTE-COTE: 3 Gilder (SGC); 2 Moore (N); Giannopoulos (N).

DOVETON V POLONIA: 3 Trout (P); 2 Watson (D); 1 Petrov (P).

FAWKNER V AJAX: 3 Wil- liams; (A); 2 Hogben (A); 1 Paul Lewis (A).

PROGRESSIVE VOTES:

25 — More (Northcote)

29 — Cummings (Croatia)

27 — Hird (Juventus)

21 — Kalitafidis (Hellas)

20 — Tuffield (Fawkner)

19 — Peter Lewis (Ajax),

Mila (Polonia)

18 — I. Roodhouse (Box Hill)

17 — Williams (Ajax), In-

calantupo (Juventus)

16 — Biskic (Croatia)

15 — Keogh (Doveton),

MacLean (Morwell)

14 — Miranda (Box Hill), G.

Bennett (S.G. Cross), Brooks

13 — Paul Lewis (Ajax), Lipiarski (Polonia)

12 — Short (Ajax), F. Mac-

leod (Albion), Lloyd (Juven-

tus), Young (Morwell)

LEADING SCORERS:

29 — Lewis (Ajax)

19 — Cummings, Brogan

(Croatia)

17 — Smallman (Ajax)

12 — McGuinness (Morwell)

11 — Latif (Croatia),

Przymbyla (Polonia), Pate-

(S.G. Cross) Marshall

10 — Cozzella (Fawkner),

Bekiaris (Hellas), Dimitri-

(Polonia)

9 — Zinni (Juventus) (Ju-

ventus), Morel (Fawkner)



Croatia striker Dave Brogan — in superb form last Saturday. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

## Brilliant Brogan!

**SOUTH MELBOURNE**  
**HELLAS 0 MELBOURNE**  
**CROATIA 6** (Brogan 25th,  
61st, 90th; Cumming 42nd,  
78th; Kalamakis o.g. 57th) at  
Middle Park, Saturday.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:**

Turidua 6 — Kassidas 5, Anazakis

6, Tsafariminoz 5, Kalamakis 5 —

Kalamakis 6 (Pastorius 77th), Kan-

soulis 6, Postecoglou 6 (Tassias

77th), Abram 6 — Bekiaris 6,

Cumming 4. Coach: Jim Arm-

strong.

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Blasby

7 — Curcio 7, Hennah 7, Adams 8,

Bilever 7 — Biskic 6, Antolicek 6

(Basic 76th), Faulkner 7 (Pretoder

76th), Gojevic 8 — Brogan 9,

Cumming 4. Coach: John Gardner.

It was the quality of the

finishing which made Dave

Brogan's hat-trick on Sat-

urday, the best I've seen in

the past four seasons.

Two of his three goals came

from stunning shots, executed

in a flash, the very second

of present itself. The

second of these, a 22 metre

effort swerved and dipped

viciously, so much so that

Hellas' keeper, Mark Turidua

moved the wrong way as the

ball cannoned into goal, a

few centimetres off centre.

To think, just a few weeks

back, I was talking about the

Brogan of old, as if the Croatia

striker's best years were

behind him. I learned my

lesson at Middle Park Sorry,

David.

And Peter Blasby for a public apology from me for things I said when previewing the Croatia v. Croatia clash late last month. Dodgy in the air, indeed! How dare I. Sorry, Peter.

But let's get back to this thrashing.

1-0: Josip Biskic plays the ball to Brogan on the left of the Hellas area. Brogan sidesteps a defender then cracks a ferocious shot into the top far corner.

2-0: Steve Gojevic has nowhere to go, hemmed in near the corner flag on the left. But the impossible happens. Somehow, the young Croatian midfielder wriggles past three opponents then cuts back to Brogan who, first time shot, sends the ball flashing into the far corner.

3-0: Biskic crosses from the right and the unfortunate Jimi Kalamakis, playing at left back for the first time, gets a glancing header which evades goalkeeper Turidua for an own goal.

4-0: Brogan's swerving shot.

A gem, I think I'll always remember it.

5-0: Keith Adams crosses from the right, George Hannah heads goalward and Cumming slides down and strikes the ball past Turidua from three metres out.

6-0: Brogan's hat-trick is completed with a free header from six metres.

**DIVISION THREE**

**ELTHAM 3 (Briggs 3)**

**PORT MELBOURNE 2**

**(Stavridis 2)**

**ELTHAM 3 (Briggs 3)**

**PORT MELBOURNE: Kassidas**

, Tsafariminoz, Takakos, Ke-

raida, Palatidis, Tsakalis, Ke-

nasoula, Hamakiots, Giasis,

Stavridis, Tolopoulis.

A well taken hat-trick by Chris Briggs gave Eltham the points against Port Mel-

boure. Briggs' constant run-

ning and bustling style of play had the Port defence on the back foot for most of the game.

His first goal came after one minute of play when he scored from close range from an inch perfect pass from Rajko Cursica.

However, despite this dream start the Redbacks let the visitors into the game by playing too many short passes through the mud and it was no surprise when Stavridis scored the equaliser in the 19th.

Port kept up the attack and went ahead a minute before the break.

Eltham picked up on the second term and Briggs put the team on the board in the 57th. The same player completed his hat-trick in the 60th. In the end Eltham deserved their win and although Port belied their

strengths and of a coach are confused. Of course, players have to be handled well but it is wrong to believe they do not need coaching at National League level — coaches in this country are required to do both and if they don't, then they are not fulfilling their duties.

Coaching courses organised under the National Coaching Scheme are practical courses with almost all of the course content performed on the field. Often criticisms are levelled at the courses and the work of coaching directors which emanate from an ignorance of both the course content.

It was suggested in the article that directors keep their results a well-kept secret from the public. On the contrary, the work of the directors receives little publicity because the healthy side of the game does not sell newspapers or so eulogised writers tell us.

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Passando ai risultati della domenica calcistica notiamo il buon risultato della Juventus contro il Box Hill, un 3-1 che non fa per grinta. Purtroppo la partita è stata rovinata da esplosioni di inforni. Fabio Incantilupo si è beccato il cartellino rosso e dovrà osservare un turno di riposo che poi non è l'età fine del mondo perché il prossimo avversario è il Morwell, ma quello che è più grave è che il ragazzo si è rovinato ogni possibilità di ben figurare nella "Rothmans Medal" e potrebbe rischiare di farsi una reputazione con gli arbitri che ovviamente lo terranno più d'occhio nel futuro; quello che è peggio è che il suo peccato è stato del linguaggio e non di scorrettezza. Un regalo come lui che ha partecipato a due coppe del mondo giovanili avrebbe dovuto imparare molto bene che con l'arbitro non si discute. L'infortunio a Zinni è anche da ascrivere ad una follia di gioventù. Il ragazzo aveva fino ad allora fatto un partitone e segnato due reti e la Juventus dominava in lungo ed in largo, era perciò tempo di non correre più "rischi perché" è ovvio che con la sua grinta e con la sua velocità il ragazzo irrupe nel campo avversario dai e dai, finisce con per perdere le staffe e ricorrere a rimedi di ferro. Zinni deve stare molto attento su questo punto e cercare di non esagerare con la sua irruzione giovanile per poter aspirare ad una lunga, e indubbiamente brillante, carriera. E' questo l'unico caso in cui ci siamo mai trovati a dover suggerire ripetutamente ad un giocatore di "far di meno" e speriamo che il ragazzo ci dia ascolto.

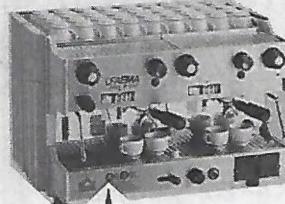
#### IL FAWKNER SI RIPETE

Il Fawkner si è ripetuto contro il Croatia e il Green Gully nelle ultime due settimane incassando un totale di 10 reti in due partite come aveva fatto nell'andata, nonostante il miglioramento che aveva fatto vedere fra le due doppiette stagiate. Questi risultati sono apprezzabili, ma che mette a nudo l'abisso che c'è fra il terzetto di testa (Green Gully, Croatia e Juventus) e il resto del gruppo. Un controsenso potrebbe essere il fatto che il Fawkner ha pareggiato due volte meritatamente con la Juventus che a sua volta ha battuto due volte il principale giustiziere del Fawkner, il Croatia, ed una volta il Green Gully. Più che un controsenso questo dovrebbe far capire di che cosa è possibile una squadra modesta quano incontrerà una squadra forte verso la quale nutre sentimenti di gelosia dirigentesche che a livello di giocatori e soprattutto di ex giocatori di una squadra che ora militano nell'altra. Come abbiamo detto in precedenza, se il Fawkner riuscisse a giocare tutte le sue partite con la stessa caparbia voglia di vincere che mette in mostra contro la Juventus, avrebbe sicuramente vinto il campionato. Ordinaria amministrazione il pareggio e occhiati del Morwell sul campo dell'Althng.

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Il campionato statale si sta ormai avviando a conclusione con una certa sornionata perché c'è rimasto solo un minimo di interesse in cima alla classifica dove il Croatia conduce ancora con un punto di distacco dal Croatia ma, anche se minimo, questo distacco appare ormai incalcolabile nelle due rimanenti partite.

A fondo classifiche, altra zona tradizionalmente interessante in questo periodo dell'anno, tutto è ormai sfiorato di tempo con l'Hellas fermamente acciuffato nella posizione di finalista di coda e il Ringwood suo degno rincalzo. Ma queste due squadre, che forse si cuorano sapendo che il salto di quattro squadre dalla lega statale a quella nazionale eviterà loro la retrocessione, potrebbero avere una amara sorpresa quando le nuove leghe saranno annunciate alla fine della nuova stagione che inizia il 15 settembre e finisce il 1 Dicembre. La VSF non ha ancora deciso nulla di ufficiale, ma noi crediamo che le

ultime due classificate di ogni lega (metropolitana e provinciale inclusa) saranno regolarmente retrocesse prima che le promozioni a tavolino vengano decise. Potrà quindi darsi benissimo che Ringwood e Hellas dovranno fare il salto nella lega metropolitana e quindi essere considerate per la ripromozione assieme a tre altre squadre che faranno domanda per darsi perciò che saranno di prima o seconda divisione inferiori verranno preferite alle retrocesse della lega statale; e lo stesso metro varrà per tutte le altre divisioni della federazione. Sicuramente si vedranno salti fenomenali in avanti poiché le autorità calcistiche sono intenzionate a portare nella competizione molto sangue nuovo: il Bulletin, per esempio, dalla prima divisione della lega provinciale potrebbe saltare in altre divisioni e rovinsare nella lega statale; il Thomastown potrebbe farlo se il suo approdo sarà "il salto non sarà tanto lungo poiché partirebbe dalla seconda divisione della lega metropolitana; il Westall è un'altra squadra che ha buone possibili di guadagnare dalla restituzione della legge.

Tutto dipenderà da come i vari club riusciranno a presentare il loro caso alla speciale commissione della VSF. In linea generale le domande di promozione a tavolino saranno esaminate sulla base di solidità amministrativa e finanziaria, seguito di pubblico e posizione geografica del club. Per questo ultimo fattore sarà difficile, per esempio, che delle squadre dei sobborghi occidentali potranno ottenere grosse promozioni solo perché la zona è ormai saturata di club al massimo livello con i vari Green Gully, Sunshine George Cross e Albion Rivers già nella lega statale e Altona, Western Suburbs, St. Albans, Altona Gate, ecc. nelle varie divisioni della lega metropolitana. Alquanto difficile anche la posizione delle squadre dei sobborghi centrali, che si trovano nella zona di maggiore influenza delle grandi squadre (Juventus, Croatia, Hellas, JUST, ecc.), ma discrete appaiono però le possibilità dell'East Brunswick che, oltre ad un rendimento apprezzabile lungo un arco di diversi anni, può ora contare anche sulla base dell'Abruzzo Club che a sua volta significa influenza con il comune e seguito da parte dei soci del social club.

Naturalmente il fattore che più influenzerebbe la federazione rispetto alle promozioni a tavolino sarebbe la fusione di due club, e non solo la federazione del Victoria ma anche la lega dinazionale che ha avuto sempre questo "pallino". Ed è qui che purtroppo Fawkner e Thomastown non hanno saputo prendere la palla al balzo poiché le loro trattative tendenti alla fusione sembrano andate a picco a causa del rifiuto dei soci del Thomastown. NOI siamo ancora dell'avviso, espresso la settimana scorsa, che i due club hanno tutto da guadagnare e nulla da perdere da una tale mossa, ma, come appunto abbiamo

detto in tale occasione, tale operazione è molto delicata e bisognerebbe affrontarla con maggiore preparazione e senso pratico di quello che hanno fatto i due comitati. Innanzitutto il venerdì precedente alle rispettive assemblee straordinarie dei soci i due presidenti dei sodalizi si sono fatti tentare ad apparire in un programma televisivo per discutere la faccenda; ovviamente i soci se non sono risentiti perché la cosa è stata spiegata in modo chiaro e dettagliato, non saranno affatto convinti.

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resto, non si può fare a meno di dire che i due club sono molto importanti, come la rugine accumulata durante anni di sfida nella "Coppa Italia" e personalismi, oltre naturalmente al timore dei soci del Thomastown che la loro sede, diventata un circolo sociale, sarà chiusa e che per farsi una chiacchierata e una partita a carte dovranno andare fino a Fawkner. Questo è un timore mal fondato che i dirigenti avrebbero dovuto risolvere; la sede del Thomastown potrà continuare a funzionare per progettare, e cose che li dividono sono molto meno importanti, come la rugine accumulata durante anni di sfida nella "Coppa Italia" e personalismi, oltre naturalmente al timore dei soci del Thomastown che la loro sede, diventata un circolo sociale, sarà chiusa e che per farsi una chiacchierata e una partita a carte dovranno andare fino a Fawkner. 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# JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

## PLAVA SIMFONIJA

Svoju najuspješniju sezonu JUST je krunisao još jednom iznimno pravim odlicnjem Newcastle, koji je srećno izbegao poraz. Gosti su u polu bili jaci i povezani, ali po saslonu "plavi" su zasluzili visoku pobjedu. Iveli su se stari kormeri, a Newcastle svega jedan. Osim jedne sanse u 13. minuti, kada je Mountford mlako sutirao pravo Boland u ruku, JUSTov gol bio je van opasnosti. Ali na drugoj strani bilo je pričika prethodni, naročito posle ulaska Zdravka Lujica, koji je preprodio navalu. Na JUSTovu nesreću najbolje sanse imao je Vlatko Belić, koji imao svoj najslabiji dan. Sto se više trudio, to ga je manje htela lopta. Imao je cefirne idealne prilike da se upise u strelce, ali ono nije uskorišto u 87. minuti pamćice celog života. Zrele sanse su imali O'Donnell, Carroll i Taylor, ali u njih nije htela dobiti rezultat, jer su njeni glavni konkurentri imali "hadobadil" gubitak rezultatima. Već iduće nedjelje na srušni igralistu protiv Sydney Olympia "crveno-crni" vratice se na pobedničku stazu, jer će biti pojedinci sa pokajnjim Claude Lucchesijem.

## PORAZ BEZ ZNACAJA

Za Makedoniju Sydney je uvek bio učinkovit grad. Tako je bio i prošle nedjelje. Da je kojom srecinom Peter O'Leary iškoristio stopostotnu sansu u 10. minuti, Makedonija bi ubedljivo pobedila Marconia. Dogodilo se, ovom, ali i golman Wilson nije imao svoj dan. Medutim, učinkoviti golman Sydneyja izgublja, jer su njeni glavni konkurentri imali "hadobadil" gubitak rezultatima. Već iduće nedjelje na srušni igralistu protiv Sydney Olympia "crveno-crni" vratice se na pobedničku stazu, jer će biti pojedinci sa pokajnjim Claude Lucchesijem.

## FAWKNER NIJE POMOGAO CROATIU

Mnogo najavljujemo cudo u Fawkneru nije osvartilo. Sa zvornicom se ne može uplašiti medju, pa su Croatia iškoristile dva pogodka, ali su učinkoviti rezultati izgubom. Ali su učinkoviti rezultati izgubom u ulazak u Nacionalnu ligu. Oscigledno, Juventus je bio i ostao pravi predstavnik italijanske zajednice na nogometnom polju. Croatia je pregažila pospanog Helasa, sa nadom da će Fawkner bar podleti bodove sa Ajaksom. Posto se to nije ostvarilo, morace da se pomiri sa drugim mestom kada se igraju još dva kola. Stedeci protivnici Ajaks, Helas i Doveton, oba na dnu tablice, dok Croatia igra protiv Dovetona i buduće Polonije.

## PRVA DIVIZIJA

Melbourne — Altona Gate/VARDAR 1:2 (1:1). Igralo se po blatu i kisi, ali ipak ostro i brzo. Gosti su bili srecnici pred golom. Pocasni gol postigao je Cele Taveković. Posto je ovo bila zadnjina prvenstvena utakmica u ovoj sezoni, Vardar je pružio sansasu mladjim igračima, koji su zadovoljili. Vardar je završio prvenstvo na devetom mestu sa 20 bodova.

Richmond je osmio na jedinom bodum vise, ali se očekuje da Dragana Vasic sa 16 golova bude proglašen najboljim streličem prve divizije.

## DRUGA DIVIZIJA

Drugi timovi: JUST — MAKEDONIA 2:1 (0:1). "Plavi" su nastupili bez Tome Karica, Pavla Simica, Slobodana Stojcevskog, Tony Claywortha i Petra Krnica, ali su ipak zasluzeno savladali isto tako os-

trojstvo.

The delay will have enabled both sides to prepare fully for the repeat of last season's championship decider, a game which Rapid won 3-0 through goals by Smith, Blah and Charlton, after Juventus had had Ward sent off before half-time and injuries had forced both substitutes to be used before even an hour was up.

For Charlton, a Juventus victory will mean a hat-trick of championships. In the past two seasons, he has won championships with Brighton (Caries) and Rapid, and he has scored in the championship decider on each occasion, which, at this time, happened to be the final league match of the season.

Last Sunday, Croatia threw away easy chances, including a penalty, and found itself 2-0 down against relegated White Eagles. Stoddart and Richard Leszczynski put Eagles two goals up before Bacic and Kirkpatrick salvaged a point with goals in the final ten minutes.

Metro beat University 5-3 in the day's remaining fixture. John McIntyre scored yet another hat-trick for Metro.

Details: Croatia 2 White Eagles 2, Metro 5 University 3.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A
Juventus	24	14	1	5	51	22
Rapid	20	13	4	3	35	29
Olympic	20	10	4	6	41	21
Croatia	10	4	4	2	26	24
Metro	21	6	6	9	34	39
Caledonians	6	5	5	9	38	37
University	21	8	0	13	23	60
White Eagles	21	2	1	18	23	61

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"Αυτοί γίνεται και λήγει οστόπαλος, τότε οι δύο δύναμες θέλουν να επιβάλουν με ως βαθ μονάς άλλα μέ διαφορά περιώντας πρωταθλητρια δύναμας θέλει τον αγώνα," σαφάρι της Κατερίνης Λαζαρίδη.

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This Sunday  
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GEORGE CAMPBELL  
(Preston)

### PRESTON v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

CONNOR RESERVE  
K.O. 3pm

<i>Previous results</i>		
'81		3-1
'82		4-1



GRAHAM JENNINGS  
(Sydney Olympic)



ALAN DAVIDSON  
(South Melbourne)

### SOUTH MELBOURNE v BRISBANE LIONS

MIDDLE PARK  
K.O 3pm

<i>Previous results</i>		
'77		1-0
'78		2-1
'79		3-0
'80		2-2
'81		1-0
'82		2-1



DANNY WRIGHT  
(Brisbane Lions)